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Subject: R6 Daily Ops Report (1/5/2017) Incident Updates included: Amarillo Aluminum Phosphide Incident and Messilla Residential Mercury Spill
Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017 10:39:26 AM

R6 Daily Ops Status Report

Current Status (10:31 AM CST on 1/5/2017)

Personnel

R1:	Enders	Outposted OSC's	
Tel Duty:	Ruhl	Houston, TX/Zehner	Available

Available OSC's:

Adams	Adams	Bernier
Brescia	Delgado	Delgado
Enders	Fife	Foster
Guidry	Hayes	Rinehart
Smalley	Todd	

Unavailable OSC's:

Baxter	Martin	Mason
McAteer	Moore	Rhotenberry
Smith		

Reported Activities (1/4/2017 8:00:00 AM CST - 1/5/2017 10:30:00 AM CST)

Spill Notifications

State	Oil	Haz	Rad	Other	
AR	0	0	0	0	
LA	1	1	0	0	
NM	0	0	0	0	
OK	1	0	0	0	
TX	1	0	0	2	
Total	3	1	0	2	= 6

Significant Events

No significant events for this reporting period

Field Operations

Activity: Mesilla Residential Mercury Spill

Location: Mesilla NM

Contact: Nicolas Brescia

Start Date: 2017/01/05 **Type:** Emergency Response **Status:** Active

Comments:

On January 4, 2017 EPA contractors conducted a mercury survey. The survey found slightly elevated levels in the bathroom where the spill occurred at floor level. Additional elevated readings were observed in a washing machine and in a mop bucket. EPA intends to remove/dispose of the mop bucket and the corrugated drain line of

the washing machine and clean the bathroom floor, and then vent/heat the house overnight. EPA will return on January 5, 2017 and conduct another survey.

Activity: Amarillo Aluminum Phosphide Incident

Location: Amarillo TX

Contact: Jhana Enders/Wren Stenger

Start Date: 2017/01/05 **Type:** Emergency Response **Status:** Active

Comments:

EPA Multi Media Division held a coordination call with the Texas Department of Ag to share situational awareness and coordinate future public information releases.

EPA Multi Media Division is working with Texas Department of Agriculture to identify and determine the source of the un-registered pesticide Bovitraz collected in the residence by the TCEQ/EPA emergency response teams yesterday. The product and its active ingredient are not registered for use by the EPA for controlling pests (bed bugs) in residential settings.

EPA continues to support the local and state response efforts. An unified command has been established.

The locals have secured the property preventing the public from having access.

TCEQ and EPA conducted an assessment of the home. Spent aluminum phosphide was removed from under the mobile home and has been secured. The material is expected to be neutralized on the property.

Six people remain hospitalized.

Media interest remains high.

Exercises

No exercises for this reporting period

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